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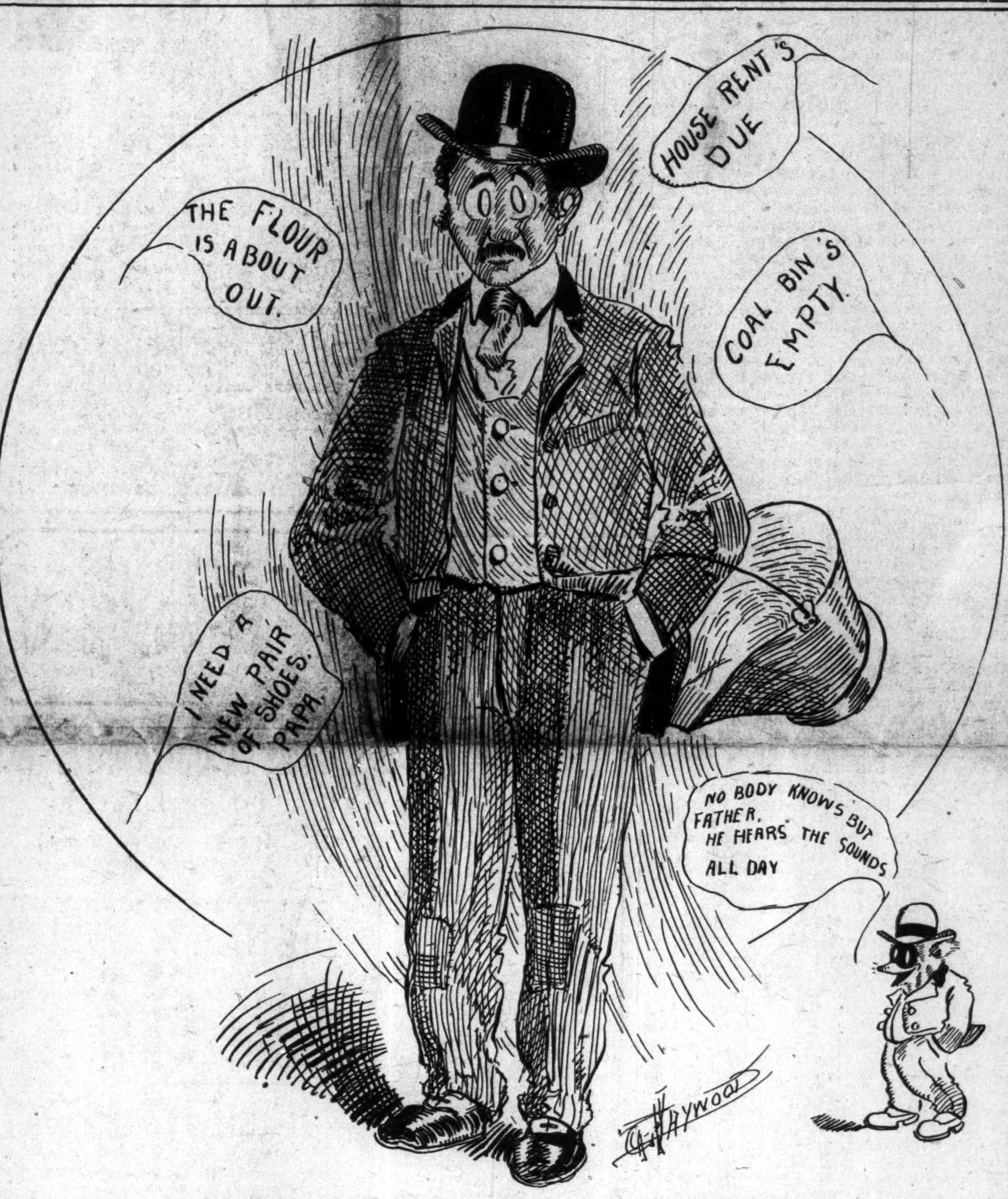
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THE FLOUR IS ABOUT OUT.
COAL BIN'S EMPTY
I NEED A NEW PAIR OF SHOES PAPA.
NO BODY KNOWS BUT FATHER, HE HEARS THE SOUNDS ALL DAY
G. Haywood

THE VOICE OF WINTER.

AT THE NATION'S GAPITAL

CYRUS FIELD ADAMS HAS RETURNED HOME

NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN POLITICS

As the Situation Now Looks the Nomination of Taft Will Be Certain on the First Ballot. Food for Reflection.

(Staff Correspondence.)

Washington, D. C., Jan. 8.—Mr. Cyrus Field Adams, Asistant Register of the Treasury, is at home again from a trip to the Northwest. For a number of years he has been president of the National Negro Press Association. In other days this organization exerted a very helpful influence upon the colored press of the nation and brought it into closer touch with the people. Through a combination of circumstances, no meetings have been held for two years, and even when they have been held, they have been in such immediate proximity to other assemblies that the individuality of the Press Association has been overshadowed and its force reduced to a nullity. The necessity for a revival of the organization is being emphasized by the newspapers throughout the country,a nd a meeting this year is deemed imperative for the good of the craft. The Western Press Association held a profitable session last August at Topeka, Kansas, in conjunction with the National Negro Business League, and though intended to be only a local affair, its success under the leadership of President W. H. Duncan, of Colorado, went far to stiffen the demand for a convention national in scope for the present year. The Western organization has announced a meeting for Des Moines, and overtures are being made by which the Association may meet jointly with the National body at some conveniently point, and at a time when the press can have the floor all to itself, so as to let its light shine in a manner that will bring benefit to the profession from ocean to ocean. It is possible that an arrangement will be made by Presidents Adams and Duncan for such a meeting this summer. If so, your correspondent begs leave to submit the claims of Indianapolis, Ind., as the most centrally located and most accessible place that comes to our mind. The Hoosier capital is far enough away from influences that might distract the attention of the delegates and the peopole from the business at hand, and near enough to everything that makes for the legitimate ends the convention will seek to accomplish.

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In an interview with your correspondent, Mr. Adams, discussing the future of the Press Association, said:

"A meeting of the National Press Association will certainly be held this year, in a city yet to be selected. I hope to be able to take the matter up very soon with the executive committee. Some place should be chosen that is accessible to the greatest number of editors and correspondents, and at the same time where their deliberations can secure adequate and respectful attention at the hands of the citizens and the daily press. The problem of satisfactory personal accommadation, too, should not be overlooked.

"I am in thorough sympathy with those who advise that the political element be less prominent in our proceedings than heretofore has been the case. Men may have their individual preferences as to candidates, parties, factions, etc., and they have a right to contend, at the proper time and place for the supremacy of their opinions; but the primary purpose of the association, as a whole, should be to promote the business side of journalism,a nd to strengthen the newspaper calling, both as a moulder of wholesome sentiment and as a gainful occupation on its merits. How to increase the circulation of our papers, how to influence the largest number of persons and thereby make our work more effective along our special lines, how to extend our advertising business, and to get better prices for our space, how to encourage our merchanst to carry announcements of what they have to offer—these are a few of the questions that should engage the attention of the association, rather than a destructive struggle over an endorsement of this or that man for some office, or a wrangle over the denunciation or commendation of some political party. That kind of thing can best be looked after outside of the press convention, where each man is his own mana nd where he can grind his axe on his own grindstone.

"It is the business side of the newspaper profesion that should be given first place in our minds just now, and the political aspect can be safely left to the individual. A great many conventions will be held this year, and it will require no small degree of judgment to choose a date that will not conflict with some other important occasion; but the executive committee, I dare say, will work out some plan by which we shall assemble in the right city and at a time when there will be nothing in particular going on to which we may run counter. I shall be pleased to receive suggestions from the various journals, to the end that the committee may proceed more intelligently to carry out the popular will in this respect."

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The plot thickens, politically, at the nation's capital. The week has brought forward many new developments. The attitude of the dominant forces are clearly lined up for Secretary Taft, and his star is in the ascendant. Of the 980 votes in the convention, the opposition combined can not count on more than 282, which means that if the War Secretary is to be beaten, the other candidates must make some serious inroads upon his strength or capture all of the doubtful States. The Taft victory in Ohio, on the issue of fixing the time for the primaries, shows the strength of the Taft sentiment in his own bailiwick, and the way the former luke-warm folks are clambering into the band-wagon is making everybody sit up and take notice. Mr. Vorys is managing to a queen's taste at home, and it is quite likely that that astute organizer, Mr. Frank H. Hitchcock, will be placed in charge of the campaign in the East and South, thus insuring the major portion of earch of these important sections to Mr. Taft. As the situation looks to-day, the nomination of Mr. Taft may be expected on the first ballot. In so stating it, we are not depending upon our own immature judgment, but voicing the consensus of opinion as heard from the most skillful politicians about the capital. Secretary Taft's speech to the Merchants' Association in Boston upheld the Roosevelt policies, not as a thoughtless truckler, but as the seasoned statesman, who understands the needs of the country, and who recognizes the feelings of the people, as reflected in their hearty support of the President. He is falling heir to the President's strength because he is safe and sane, and can be trusted to hold the helm true to the course that has been approved by the nation.

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Said a prominent colored man to your correspondent this week:

"I fail to see any reason why any Negro should be opposed to the nomination of Mr. Taft. He comes of the best abolition stock of New England and Ohio. His family has always stood for the highest interests of the black people, through the slave period and into the light of freedom. His decisions on the bench and his conduct during his entire public and private career have been sound on the Negro problem. His kindly treatment of the Filipinos gave undisputable evidence of his instinct for fair play, and his recent visit emphasized his acceptability as 'a guide, counsellor and friend' to trese rising people, who still need to be helped toward citizenship. Wren re went to Cuba, there was an effort made to oust the black officerolders who were tren in authority; but Secretary Taft said 'Nay,' and the blacks held their ground. They are there to this day, because he would not permit them to be sacrificed to the color prejudice of the Cuban junta. His promotion of colored men in the army and in civil positions entitle him to a large measure of credit. If the evidence that comes officially to the War Department justifies the reenlistment of the discharged soldiers, I believe with all my soul, that Secretary Taft will do his level best to give them all that is theirs, under the law. We shall all admire Mr. Taft, if we view him with a clear vision, and not through spectacles dimmed by a mistaken impression of the man's attitude toward our race. There never was a more fair-minded man in high official station in this land than William Taft. As President, he will be equal to any man who ever sat in the White House. Above all, if he is to win, and it looks that way, I should not like to see him victorious, owing nothing to the Negroes of the nation and being in no way obligated to them for his success. We yielded nothing of gratitude or appreciation for the services of others when we support Mr. Taft. He is a definite presidential quantity, and any of our good friends are not. That is the situation in a nut-shell, as I see it."

There is much food for reflection for the colored people in this plain-spoken case. Study it.

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The Senate Committee on Military Affairs is "getting busy," now that the holidays are over. A report on the Brownsville matter is expected very soon. Senator Warren will head the majority report, but from it the discharged soldiers will get but cold comfort. The democrats will assume that the men are guilty of "shooting up" the town, no matter if tre bullets are found to be made of putty, and it may be that will recommend the mustering out of the entire Negro contingent in the army establishment. This extreme notion will, of course, receive no serious consideration at the hands of Congress. Senator Foraker will present a minority report, declaring guilt of the men not sustained by the evidence. Senator Scott, of West Virginia, may not sign either document, on the thory that the resolution did not call for a report of the character indicated. The crisis is approaching, and there is a feeling that some step will yet be taken to bring the case to a happy termination.

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Mrs. Mary Church Terrell and the other members of the Board of Education, have borne themselves with becoming dignity during the long and arduous trial, which has resulted in the dismassal of Superintendent Chancellor. The deposed superintendent is quoted as asying of Mrs. Terrell: "She is the smartest woman I ever knew, and the only one with whom I can not cope."

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Miss Ethel Roosevelt, daughter of President Roosevelt, is teaching in the Sunday school of St. Mary's Protestant Episcopal Chapel, a mission of St. John's, which the Roosevelts attend.

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One of the most enjoyable receptions of the holiday season was that tendered by Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Slaughter at their handsome residence, 2236 13th St., N. W., in honor of Miss Lina B. Silkman, a charming school mar'm of Louisville, Ky. Whist and dancing were the principal diversions, and an elegant luncheon was served. Miss Silkman, who is an accomplished elocutionist, recited several selections, which "brought down the house." Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lankford, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Burlls, Misses Mamie and Etta Maxwell, of Louisville; Messrs. James E. Buckner and Horace Morris, of Louisville; Edmond A. Burrill, recently appointed vice-consul to St. Etienne, to assist Consul W. H. Hunt; Mrs. Amelia Nooks, of Wilberforce, O.; Dr. William Sykes, General Henry Forrest, and Miss Ada Mathews.

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Mr. Edmond A. Burrill, who has been assisting Consul J. W. Johnson at Puerto Cabello, Venezuela, has been assigned by the State Department to the post of vice-consul, under United States Consul W. H. Hunt, at St. Etienne, France. Mr. Burrill is an experienced diplomat and speaks French and Spanish fluently.

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President Roosevelt shook hands with 5,645 persons on New Year's Day at the White House. There was a goodly representation of colored people in the line, and all were greeted cordially by the Chief Executive.

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A free dispensary has been opened in connection with the 19th Street Baptist Church, of which Rev. Walter H. Brooks is pastor. The innovation is the result of the efforts of Dr. James T. Walker, a successful physiciana nd for sixteen years director of the church's choir. Two physicians, two dentists, a trained nurse and a staff of competent consulting physicians are available each day. About $200 worth of drugs and medical supplies have been contributed by local pharmacists and manufacturers, and much good is being accomplished in relieving the ills of the poor classes, who are treated, regardless of denomination.

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Mrs. Anna J. Cooper, formerly principal of the M Street High School, has been appointed as instructor in Greek and Latin at Lincoln Institute, Jefferson City, Mo., and departed Sunday for her new field of labor. Mrs. Cooper is an educator of unusual ability, and will prove a tower of strength to Prof. B. F. Allen in his progressive school.

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Word comes that the State of Arkansas, without reference to denominational lines, is a unit for the election of Rev. J. M. Conner, the enterprising pastor of Quinn Chapel at Fort Smith. Baptists, Methodists, Episcopalians and Congregationalists are vieing with one another in extolling his virtues, and pointing out the peculiar needs of the church, which his elevation to the bench would speedily supply. His work speaks for itself and as the Great Southwest is due a place in the Bishop's Council, there is every reason to believe that the General Conference at Norfolk will rise to its opportunity and duty by investing Dr. Conner with the dignified toga. Letters that have come to our notice indicate that the worthy Arkansan is developing strength from many unexpected quarters, and that he will be a factor in the race can not be doubted.

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Bishop J. W. Smith has returned, after an extended tour of the Zion Conferences of the South and Southwest, visiting old friends at Salisbury, Charlotte, Fayetteville, etc., in North Carolina, en route home. He reports Bishop Lomax's condition about the same, and that Bishop Hood, despite his advanced age, is doing a phenomenal amount of work. The movement is growing stronger to have Bishop Smith's elegant residence in Washington designated as an Episcopal home, and a resolution will be presented to the Philadelphia General Conference asking that $300 be apro-

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SEPARATION IN COACHES

THE STAND OF INTERSTATE COMMISSION'S REPORT

NEGRO MUST BOW TO THE INEVITABLE

Since the Law of Might Prevails. South Fast and Hard in Its Determination of Pronounced Lines of Division.

The Interstate Commission, in its recent report to Congress, took the stand that under the thirteenth and fourteenth amendments to the Constitution, it was permissible to segregate white people and colored people as passengers in railway coaches, and that the passengers in railway coaches, and that the position was sustained by the Supreme Court of the United States. It added the other provisoes; equal accommadations, facilities and so forth, which must be furnished by the carriers, thus going through the form of obeying the law. It is easily understood why all of this is necessary, yet we would fail in our duty if we did not call attenticn to the question in a plain matter of fact way. It is a great, grave question, perhaps as great as any before the country as it concerns the colored people. We have learned that law is one thinga nd the disposition of the people another. We are not to be deceived by the Interstate Commission, nor decisions of the courts, when construing laws where they are to the interests of Negroes, that conflict with those of the great majority.

The thirteenth and fourteenth amendments are very plain—were meant to be so—intended to guide the people; not to deceive. They do what they pretend to do—provide rules of civil conduct for all. Those making them contemplated no race lines; and made no provisions recognizing them. The equal accommodation interpretation is like so many other cases where the intent of the law is to be defeated. Men take advantage of a word to gag wills and the last testaments left by dying men and women. The whole business of these construers these lawyers, seems to be to thwart the intentions of the laws, of individuals who knew their own minds and expressed themselves clearly enough. Charters must be iron-jawed, contracts reinforced in order to resist legal inquisition when it is in the interest of some. It is so with the thirteenth and fourteenth amendments to the Constitution, there being nothing in either of them that gives opportunity for basing laws that do not apply alike to all. The fourteenth amendment speaks of the rights of citizens, saying that, no state shall make laws that abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; it is plain; it is a case of race, and as such the Negroes must bow to the inevitable, since the law of might prevails. And as stated, it is the disposition of the people not the state as such, nor the officers of the state; the people are yet behind these—the white people—solidly and unanimously. The construction is a thing of expediency, just like in many other affairs where is racial contact, but expediency or not, it should not appear to have the sanction of the government. The Commission in the matter, appears a go-between, seemingly in the effort to ward off assault on the Supreme Court, exalted enough in itself to appear final in its rulings. It appears a wise thing in the one instance, since the Supreme Court is also flesh and blood, and sometimes is forced to look beyond right decision to the condition of the country. The wise,' sagacious set know that the South is fast and hard in its determination to make pronounced lines of separation. Yet the court doubtless desires to be what it professes—above reproach. How could it be with such cases coming before it? How could it enforce its opinions? It is safter to have none in the matter than to acknowledge impotency. So the Commission will do the business. Under the circumstances, recognizing the sentiment of the nation, it is far better to get along somehow until the more perfect day. The most we may do is to register vigorous protest.

The above is proven from the fact that the North lives under the laws that govern other localities; it does not have jim crow cars. Here is not a case similar to what we call disfranchisement, where a certain quality of

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IN THE WOMAN'S WORLD.

BY "DOROTHY"

This column is devoted to the interests of all women and their organizations also. Address all communications to Dorothy, The Freeman Indianapolis, Ind.

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK.

A Leaf in the Wind.

A leaf in the wind and a life in the blast,
The life and the leaf, how they flutter apast!
A leaf in the wind—where it comes, whither goes,
Who cares and who asks and who feels and who knows?
A life in the wind, everywhere that it moves
Around it a shadow that cares and that loves!
Every inch, every ell, that it travels each day
A tender sweet rose for its sake by the way.
For the part that it plays is a part of the strife,
And it shows that the smaller the need of the thing,
The lesser the care of the Infinite wing
Which hovers and hides in the fold of its arm
The life that is needed from loss and from harm!

—Baltimore Sun.

You can not dream yourself into a character; you must hammer and forge for yourself one.—Fronde.

Energy will do anything that can be done in this world; and no talents, no circumstances, no opportunities will make a man without it.—Goethe.

The young ladies of the Shelbyville High School have organized two basket ball teams and will play a series of games, one each week, during the winter months.

Every attempt to make others happy, every sin left behind, every temptation trampled under foot, every step forward in the cause of what is good, is a step nearer to heaven.—Dean Stanley.

THE DIVORCE EVIL.

After a somewhat severe reproof from her mother, dainty Miss Virginia Earle's little niece, who is somewhat sensitive, thought diligently for a minute and said, "Auntie, isn't there any way a child can get a divorce from its parents?"

FORM BRYAN CLUB.

Four young women of Denver, Colo., have filed articles of incorporation for the Woman's Bryan Democratic Club of Colorado. Mrs. Ruth Bryan Leantt, daughter of William Bryan, is named as one of the sixteen directors.

SHORT-LIVED AMBITION.

Disgusted Wife—Say, niggah, eber since Ah married yo' yo's dun nuffin 'cept sit round de house. Doan' yo' eber feel enny embishion¼

Lazy Husband—Ah feels ambishion w'en Ah's sittin' round hyah, honey; but jes' 's soon Ah stahts ter w'k Ah gits discouraged.—Judge.

LONELINESS.

A woman should cultivate the capacity to be alone and the habit of grumbling must be checked. Loneliness is bound to come to us all as age advances, but there need be no loneliness of soul or heart, because our hours of solitude may be more peopled than hours spent in company.—Woman.

NO ANIMOSITY.

"She must hate her husband to apply for a divorce," said the Chicago woman.

"Not at all," answered the Indianapolis woman. "She does not allow sentiment to interfere with business. She has studied the matter carefully and is convinced that the alimony would amount to more than the allowance he gives her."

A GLIMPSE OF BOHEMIAN NEW YORK.

All the Bohemian studios are not on the other side of the water. Many are the odd nooks and corners in our American cities, rich in this indescribable charm. I have in mind one spot in particular. To look at the outside of the building, which is on one of the most crowded New York thoroughfares, you would never guess what lies behind those grim brick walls. But follow a flight of stairs with many turnings, and quite at the top, overlooking the street, you will find a wide apartment, with an ample skylight and with its ceiling supported by grdeat beams. This building is said to be close to a century old, and certainly it is not built in the modern fashion. A bulbous stove, rusty in summer and red-hot in winter, occupies one end of the apartment. It is like the huge and visible heart of the studio, and, filled with live coals, one can guess how the happy occupant sits before it and dreams, dreams of antique beauty, while the strident voice of New York comes to him muffled, from the street below.

While we lived in this place, we kept up the habit of afternoon tea-drinking, which we had fallen into abroad. We used cups which were relics of our Latin Quarter days. Jean d'Arc cups. I believe they are called. The inspiring words, "Vive Labeur!" faintly lettered in gold forms part of the decoration, and they bear also the legend "Peace of Heaven" inscribed on a ribbon, which flutters from a dove's bill; and over all is a coat of arms. Good cups they are for the worker, whatever his work. From them he receives both physical and spiritual cheer. "Vive Labeur!" What a cry to keep ringing in one's heart while the race is on. and then the "Peace of Heaven" at the last! Who could ask more? What a fine and grand thing was work, we would say, nodding our heads at one another! And the fountain, which the sculptor was engaged upon, would become, with every moment, more and more in accordance with her dream of it, and the bit of writing finished itself, and to each performance would cling for a brief space that nameless, ineffable grace which is the aim of all art.—From "Studios In and Out of Bohemia," by Mary Mears, in The Circle for January.

FASHION NOTES.

The gowns worn by leaders of fashion show a great deal of variety, individuality as well as oddity. The richest of evening dresses, as seen at prominent social gatherings, either glitter with metal threads or glow with the royal luster of velvet. Marquisette of mousseline dresses, patterned over with fine gilt motifs, are seen everywhere. Beautiful scarfs at least fifty inches long are worn. One seen recently was the black net, threaded with gold. Another attractive scarf worn with a rose costume was of grayish cream trimmed with threads of silver. These scarfs were at least twenty inches, and very unsubstantial when crushed in the hand, but costing from $25 to $100. Oftentimes they are much more expensive then the gowns they are worn with.

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Many of the infants in Normandy are kept quiet by feeding them from a nursing bottle with a mixture of coffee and brandy. The result is that they acquire an intense longing for drink, and in time become irreclaimable sots.

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Daughters are considered of very little importance in China. A Chinaman is compelled by law to leave his possessions to his male children.

A SOUTHERN GIRL IN CHICAGO.

Mrs. Ida B. Wells-Barnett, the famous Negro crusader and lecturer, says:

"The National Pure Food Show recently held at the Colliseum in this city gave splendid opportunity to one of our women to demonstrate her ability as manager and saleswoman. Miss Mattie Johnson has been with Siegel & Cooper twelve years past, as saleswoman in their grocery department. During this time she has sold more goods and won more friends for the house than any other ten girls in that department. Early and late, in season and out, Miss Johnson has worked to build up the Hazel brand of groceries, manufactured and put on the market by Seigel & Cooper. Many of her associates have said she was foolish to do sa much more than was necessary without assurance of an increase of salary. But this did not for a moment lessen Miss Johnson's zeal or slacken her work. By her unfailing courtesy and cheerfulness she has won friends and made remarkable sales for her house. Manufacturers of new brands of goods for the market have offered time and again higher wages than she was getting but her pride in her work, her loyalty to the people who first gave her opportunity, as well as her belief that they would eventually show proper recognition of her faithfulness, fed her to refuse all such offers.

Miss Johnson was readed in Mississippi, but went to Memphis, Tenn., when she was old enough to earn her living and worked there until she moved to Chicago. While living in Memphis she made friends for herself of some of the best white people there, by the same earnest, thorough manner of doing work, which has made her such a success in this city.

A Plea to Colored Men.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 1, 1908.

To the Colored Men of America:

With the echo of the Christmas bells still ringing in our ears the glorious tidings, "Peace on earth, good will toward men," and while hearts are swelling with noble resolutions for the glad New Year, I make apepal to the colored men of America ot protect colored women from the horrible "Jim Crow" cars.

Of all the infamous schemes which the white South has devised for the humiliation of self-respecting Negroes, the "Jim-Crow" car is the must infamous.

Naturally the wost sufferers from them are colored women, whom white Southerners have studiously and systematically degraded and insulted for nearly three centuries.

It is said that the progress of a race in culture and Christian character is denoted by the consideration which is shown to its women, by the men of the race. Even the variety of sympathy which the South has been able to excite in connection with its brutal lynchings, has been gained solely on account of the plea which it makes that it is acting in defense of its women.

Negro men should yield to none in their determination to force a decent respect for their women.

Afro-Americans, nothing can excuse you from your duty in making the attempt to wipe out the "Jim Crow" car. You are no longer slaves and puvelers, but free and able to act of you will do so.

Let there begin at once, a wide-spread, far-reaching, concerted and purposeful effort among colored men of every class throughout the United States, to test these laws. Remember "the eyes of the world are upon you."

Remember, if you failt o act in our behalf, you will put upon colored women the necessity of protecting themselves from this iniquity.

But we do not fear your answer; we believe our appeal will come to you as a trumpet-blast, arousing you to your imperative duty.

Will you act now?

Yours for respect of womankind,
CARRIE W. CLIFFORD,
Honorary President O. F. of C. W.'s C.

At a ball in Bermuda a wonderful dress was worn, and in the making of it over thirty thousand stamps were used. Years were spent in collecting the stamps, and three weeks in the making of the dress, which was of the finest muslin. The woman called upon her friends to help her, and the dress was covered with the stamps of all nations. On the front of the bodice was an eagle made entirely of brown Columbian stamps. Suspended form the bird's talons was a globe made of old blue revenue stamps. On each side of the globe was an American flag having stripes of red and blue stamps. On the back of the bodice was a collection of foreign stamps in the form of a shied, in the center of which was a portrait cut from old revenue stamps. A picture hat covered with red and blue stamps was worn with this remarkable dress.

COLORED PEOPLE MUST NOT SEGREGATE THEMSELVES FROM OUR PRESENT SOCIETY, SAYS PRESIDENT CRITCHLOW.

A bold and defiant attitude is taken by Hon. W. G. Critchlow, grand president of the I-L-U Grand Lodge of Dayton, Ohio, against the colonizing of the Negro race separate and apart from the white people.

Mr. Critchlow is outspoken in his views on this question and he has evidently weighed his words carefully before speaking, for he gives the reasons for his attitude in such a clear and convincing manner as to merit the approbation of all loyal colored people.

He claims that the so-called "race prejudice" is being broken down and it is only a question of time until the Negro will be nationally recognized as an equal, morally and industrially, and accorded all rights due him as such.

If the colored people were to return to Africa, Mr. Critchlow says, as some race leaders advocate, it would precipitate a condition of civil warfare in this country that we would all deprecate. Moreover, Mr. Critchlow contends that this is impossible of attainment, as those so advocating must surely know.

The colored people must stay here, educate themselves, and by courage and force of character rise to their proper position and when they do they will surely be accorded all the rights and dignity that is due them, advocates Mr. Critchlow.

Mr. Critchlow has made a close study of this question, being a white man and the grand president of the I-L-U Grand Lodge. This is the order composed of both white and colored people, without race or sex discrimination, being risen above such petty things as this. This order protects all labornig people, assists its members during sickness or distress as well as carrying a funeral benefit on each member of the family. It is growing very fast and promises to become one of the biggest orders in this country within a short time.

This movement will never stop, Mr. Critchlow says, until an I-L-U lodge is formed at every school and church, and in every town and city in the country where white and colored labor can be found. Mr. Critchlow is calling for more deputies to assist him, saying he will pay well for all who answer his call, and if any of our readers want to know about this growing order they can get full information by addressing a letter of inquiry to the following address: Grand President Critchlow, 115 I-L-U Building, Dayton, Ohio.

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College Heights, the addition to Guthrie, Okla., is in every way ideal. School houses, railroads, churches and other conveniences of up to date cities are provided for. The addition is beautifully platted with a forethought of the needs and enjoyment of the coming inhabitants. The colored people are especially solicited to become property owners. The lots are selling at present at low prices. They are expected to greatly increase in the very near future. Guthrie is a substantial, thriving town of thirty thousand inhabitants, where are the homes of many very well to do white and colored citizens. Mr. George L. Knox, of The Freeman, will be pleased to communicate with anyone thinking of making a change of location. Address Freeman office, Indianapolis, Ind.

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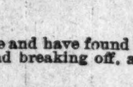

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The Mt. Olivet Baptist Church row in New York settled for good.

The Episcopal church appoint a Negro suffragan Bishop at once.

Campaign grafters turned down this year by the political managers.

A monument at Dayton, Ohio, to the memory of Paul Laurence Dunbar.

"The Clansman" eliminated from the theatrical boards all over the land.

Theaters under Negro management in every center of Negro population.

Booker T. Washington's forthcoming "History of the Negro" on the market.

Former Governor Pinchback writes his memories of reconstruction days.

More Negroes putting their savings into homes and live business ventures.

Auditor Ralph W. Tyler start a first-class race journal at the nation's capital.

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A halt called on the application of foolish titles to people who have no right to them.

The Western Bishops elected by the General Conference of the A. M. E. Zion Church.

T. Thomas Fortune get in a better humor with his erstwhile brethren and friends.

An alliance between Charles W. Anderson and Gilchrist Stewart in New York politics.

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Norfolk treat the A. M. E. General Conference better than she did the Jamestown Exposition.

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Girls value their Christmas gifts for the kindly spirit behind them, rather than for their intrinsic worth.

Giles B. Jackson's report on the financial operations of the Negro Development and Exposition Company.

"Finis" written on the sometime fight between the advocates of the so-called "higher" and industrial education.

Miss Henrietta Vinton Davis at the head of a company of colored performers, presenting the legitimate drama.

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Justice Robert H. Terrell, of the Washington Municipal Court, a most attractive platform orator, out on a lecture tour.

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Collector of Internal Revenue Henry A. Rucker retained at the Atlanta office, notwithstanding the Prohibition wave.

Chairman Harry S. New get something good at the hands of the national administration when the proper time comes.

Bright correspondents adequately compensated by our standard race journals for the "gilt-edged" matter they send out week by week.

A temperate utterance emanate from the coming Council of Bishops of the three leading Methodist connections at Washington in February.

Governor Hughes "mellow up" and let the "boys" know that he is willing to play the game.
Recorder John C. Dancy in the Zion ministry.

White dailies emphasize the good the Negro does, rather than exploit the news of the police court, and use the capital "N" when referring to our people.

Our girls "cut out" the "cheap skates" who are too stingy to pay their way into entertainments, but hang around to escort them home afterwards.

Drs. L. H. Reynolds, Joshua H. Jones, J. M. Conner, H. T. Johnson, J. M. Henderson, John Henderson, John Hurst, et al., suitably recognized at Norfolk.

Financial Secretary E. W. Lampton promoted, and Ira T. Bryant given a chance to show off his business methods by the A. M. E. General Conference.

Ne'er-do-wells of the various cities take to the woods and farms instead of standing around corners and declaring that "the cards are stacked against them."

One hundred and fifty Negro delegates from the South holding seats as delegates in the Chicago convention, and a respectable showing from the pivotal States of the North.

Penny collections taken in every town to "lift" the mortgage on the Frederick Douglass Memorial Home at Washington, so as to give everybody a chance to have a share in its title.

The distribution of patronage restored to the competent Negro and white Republican leaders of the South, and the present mongrel "referee" system abolished forever and a day.

Oklahoma Negroes keep the iniquities of the new State before the nation and let the country see the mistake that was made in admitting this bourbon into our national family circle.

Local business leagues perfecting their organizations now and arousing the commercial spirit among our people, instead of waiting until time to elect delegates to the Baltmore convention.

Greater emphasis placed upon the words and deeds of our friends among the white race—and less said about the mouthings of our enemies, who thrive upon the notoriety that wide advertising gives.

The Boston Guardian is generous to admit that perhaps Booker T. Washington is responsible for Andrew Carnegie's gift of a $50,000 library building to Howard University. "Every little bit helps!"

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COLLEGE HEIGHTS.

The President has said the word and Oklahoma, like some new-born world that has been set a-whirling in space, is off on its mission of statehood. It has joined the great sisterhood of commonweaths, fully prepared in those things and requirements that give promise of a very brilliant future. It is fitter and better in waiting its day of eligibility. Thes low and tedious process incident to the making of most states were not the portion of Oklahoma; it sprang, as it were, from the head of the great god Zeus and was at once, comparatively speaking, ready for the race. The new State is great in natural resources, iron, coal and other minerals, that are the more useful commodities of man. Here is the virgin forests that have not heard the ring of the ax; its wilds teem with the offerings of nature—a table spread, verily; the streams that are big with the finny creation, which leap the silvery cascades as children at play. Truly here is nature's banquetting scene, and one is slothful indeed if he hungers amid this bounty. Here is the path of the sun at his best in his never-ending round—just beyond its northermost confine, the tropis of Cancer, providential in location, escaping the intense heat of a few degrees south, insuring the clime of the purple grape, the lucious melon and peach, besides the great variety of grain and vegetables known further north or south. Most happy land! Thice hapy land! Surely you have prepared a table for the oncoming generations, whose shouts of joy and peals of laughter will fill all the vale in token of gladness and content. Surely some are born great; it is so with Oklahoma.

Restlessness and discontent, in most cases, are the forerunners for good. Oklahoma is made up of those that were not willing to tbide the phlegmy old ways of the erstwhile homes; or perhaps the arux of untoward circumstances had pressed sore and hard—goading to the quick, as it were, and they sought relief; and as was said of the Pilgrim Fathers, "what sought they thus afar?" The answer was, "a faith's pure shrine." Theirs was a religious movement, strictly speaking. The movement for enlarged liberty and activity is also religious; all good moves, all good things are religious, if we will have it that way. They sought a more perfect peace, a more tranquil and congenial community whereat to work out their industrial and moral salvation. So far the god of peace has attended their ways; prosperity coming as if the thing had been foreordained. Thus those restless spirits of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, Missouri and other Southern States, together with a generous sprinkling from everywhere, have unionized their zeal, ought of which the modern wonder—the very head of Zeus. The Negroes of the States cited, and of the country generally, have been no less active in contributing to the upbuilding of their El Dorado.

Amid this theatre of plenty on the bosom of this plain nestles the city of Guthrie. What has been said of the State applies to that city. In fact, more could be said of its prospects, standing the entreport of a vast section, with its vast resources present and to be; it promises to stand out like letters in relief. Here are already 30,000 inhabitants enjoying the first fruits of their industiral victory. Among these are several thousand Negroes who have been no laggards in the movement.

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Act so as to jim crow the other fellow,

The eloquent Mr. Jim Watson, Congressman, was before the colored Y. M. C. A. last Sunday, dispensing good things. By the way, it might be said that he is a candidate for nomination for Governor.

Hunter's Height, Anacostia, D. C., is the beautiful tract of land that is being offered for sale by the Afro-American Realty Company, with headquarters at 420 S. Eleventh St., Philadelphia, Pa. The advertisement seen elsewhere in this issue will set forth the particulars.

Booker T. Washington, it is stated, will do Mississippi in the month of February. Mr. Washington has a habit of swinging about in the different Southern States, touching most points of interest. He finds it mutually profitable; sections interested take in new life and he generally secures recruits for Tuskegee.

The chances are that we will have jim crow cars for sometime yet. But there is such a thing as acting so that the other folks will be jim crowed. Much of the jim crow is in the individual. Being men and women demanding the laws, extent will do much to do away with the stigma attaching to the coaches. Independence is not to be confounded with impudence. The right sort of spirit will work wonders.

Judge Norwood(of Georgia, does not think the Negroes capable of taking on much education. That was the old cry—the lost cord. In these days not many such opinions are given. The Negroes take to the uppish side of life with avidity—too much so, since the tendency is to deplete the ranks. An army of officers only would not make much of a fight in stressful times. O, yes, judge, we are heady enough.

Mr. Edward J. Robinson has entered on his duties as treasurer of Marion county, succeeding Mr. Oliver P. Ensley, who quits his trust with honor and credit for ability in that he so ably handled the vast sums of money that came to his office during his incumbency. Mr. Robinson is well known in busines affair, where he was held to be capable and efficient and of integrity, warranting the bestowal on him of the very important office.

We land-lubbers aren't on to the niceties of naval matters when it comes to who shall, and who shall not command this or that ship. We know that there is a big rumpus, and Jresident Roosevelt is wielding his stick with the most telling effects.

Governor Johnson, of Minnesota, from all nidications, will be in the running for president on the Democratic ticket. Mr. Bryan should kindly consent, since he has been greatly honored by his party. Let the honors go round, Mr. Bryan.

The Negroes of the South are warming up to Mr. Hughes of New York. One journal advises keeping an eye on him; it is just what the country is doing—keeping an eye on the political sphinx. Of course, whoever New York has to offer will receive attention, but that State does not seem quite satisfied with what it has got. Will the brilliant, scholarly man prove a political genius? Those most interested should consult an oracle and take chances. The oracles were all well disposed in the past—endeavoring to suit those consulting.

Congressman James E. Watson addressed the colored Y. M. C. A. last Sunday at Bethel A. M. E. Church. A great audience of men listened closely to the eloquent and forceful words of the speaker. He spoke knowingly of the progress of the Negroes ince their emancipation, predicting a still brighter future. He felt that the race had great opportunities, as many as the white man, of its chances. He contended that all men were created equal mentally, physically and morally, and had common opportunity. He did not hink the race question serious, and with the right living, up to high standards it would settle its own problem.

President Roosevelt is pugnacious enough, but the more he is studied the more it is seen that he is very careful of his premises; it will be seen that he is guided by some precedent, some rule or expert opinion or as in the case of the discharged Negro soldiers, submitted evidence. The trouble is, that when he takes a stand, he shows a bull-dog tenacity which appears that he is acting on his own initiative. He is a shatterer of idals, so to speak, but withal a stickler for authority. In the name of the law, he seems to say, and then proceeds forthwith to disturb all things contrary. This disposition has caused all the ferment. He has been the schoolmaster of the White House; we have not been used to it.

Emancipation Day was observed in Indianapolis, January 1, this year, as it wa in many other places. The growing opinion is that the first day of the new year is the proper time to honor the memory of Lincoln and to show appreciation for his great service to the race. Many prominent individuals of the city took part in the program, making it a memorable occation. There might have been more Lincoln in the efforts, rather than race eulogy, since the opject is not only honor the individual and to show appreciation for the act, but to acquaint the new race with his life with its manifold lessons. The committee having arrangements in charge has become a permanent organization, and in the future it will have its work well before it. It will doubtless arrange with the view of giving prominence to the character and eminent services of the immortal Lincoln.

Mr. Albert Sahm, who entered on his term as Auditor of Marion county last week, took with him the good will of the citizens generally. Mr. Sahm is a Democrat, an exceptional one. Irrespective of party, he has always been greatly regarded, in business, in politics. He is a plain gentlemanly gentleman, who long since had the habit of greeting all he knew with a friendly nod and perhaps some he did not know. But be that as it may, he has succeeded in making a host of friends on whom he draws at pleasure and the draft is not dishonored. Mr. Sahm is of the Taggart order along the lines of friend-making, but he goes Mr. Taggart one better, in that he is somewhat tamer—thoroughly domesticated. Kindly, genial, is what may be said of Mr. Sahm, with the look of honor and integrity. He is a Demacrat in demeanor as well as in politics; a very leader of men, but to which place he does not seem to aspire. It is nct an idle assertion, and so notable is his worth that he is always, almost pressed into service. His is fairly a case of the office seeking the man.

Mrs. Carrie W. Clifford, of Cleveland, insists that more respect be paid colored women when traveling in the South. The jim crow system seems to be long on promises, but short in the performance. If we are to have the system, it should come up to the requirements. There should be as much eagerness to comply with the law in one particular as in another. Colored people are effectually shut out of coaches where white people ride and those doing the separating seem to glory in their jobs. Now if they really mean the square thing, why not make the apartments for colored people as nice as those meant for white people? It is for this reason: poorly kept coaches, illy supplied, that the colored people protest strongest. Then again, the habit of permitting ugly-mannered white men to roam through the cars for colored people at will, is further cause for objection. We dare say, that if the same respect were shown the Negroes when in the apartment provided for them, as is shown the white people, the ill feeling would give away. The colored people are learning a sense of pride, and to have a greater respect for one another. It ought to be so even if they are compelled to be so. Genial companionship should be right within the race, making it manifest at all times that offense can not come from segregation, but from abuse, incivility, imposition, robbing one out of comforts paid for.

Through it all, we will not forget that it is our country also. "Breathes there a man, with soul so dead?" and the rest of it. Thus when old glory climbs to dizzy heights or becomes the drapery of soldiers or sailors, dead, our hearts should thrill knowing the import of it all. The inheritance is also ours albeit late in the instrument. Youth, however, does not strike down the heirship, nor do we recognize the law of primogeniture. In fact the recently born are, as the rule the favored of heaven, it is not different with us. We, like the younger children, find everything to hand as it concerns material blessing. In fact, we as a race rich with opportunity, so rich that we are destructive, don't know the value of a chance, increasing our apparently poor estate by the accumulations of those first on the scene. Had we seen the first born of the land we would have different notions of our chances. If we are thoughtful, we will secretly rejoice although we endure much that is unjust, and perhaps like the youngsters who are cuffed and knocked about—and to their making. We are of the foremost nation of the world, which raises us as from infinity to naught, when compared with former conditions. If we may not ride with the white people, we should take pride in riding by ourselves—being religiously true to the individual and hence in no instance can we despise the flag. "If there be go mark him well." It is to be that there are none, not one whose heart does not throb a little faster at the sight of the stars and crimson bars, when doing duty, when declaring the eternal aegis of a many-millioned nation.

THE NIAGARA MEN.

If the Niagara movement people can become thoughtful enough, they will discover that it has no aims and hopes different to those entertained by all Negroes, whether of organizations or simply individuals. Somehow or another, the impression prevails pretty generally that the organization pretends towards higher things than those aimed at by most other people. The notion may be altogether wrong, and it may be that the promoters mean the very same meant by the somewhat "humbler" organizations. This be as it may, but its work inclines ont to the first view. It is not given any man or set of men to have all the light necessary on the many ugly conditions that confront the Negroes. All are groping their way in the dark with the hopes of striking the right road. The Niagara route, when discovered, will be just as acceptable as any other route, but until it finds the way, we may as well work in some sort of harmony. And right now is a most excellent time to get together.

Any movement will be for good that does not work backwards. The Booker T. Washington idea cares for a phase of progression, nor is it wise to set up against it, because it is not in accordance with every man's idea. The movement has an upward tendency; it is quite enough; if others care to tower to the skies, it is yet an upward tendency and pushes up the average.

The recent Cleveland meeting was held behind closed doors, consequently what the Niagarites resolved to do, is simply a matter of conjecture. But its reputation is known, and we may say favorably known, for the objects in view; the manner of making its wants known is what has heretofore grated so hardly on the ears. Perhaps the promoters have seen the necessity for being more circumspect in their utterances; demanding heaven and earth if they will, but in a way that pushes the justness of the contention above the mere imperative. In either event, the thing desired may not be forthcoming, but on the one hand we will preserve our friends who will make way for us when the hour is fitter. It will be folly to reckon without those friends as we feel to do at times, feeling that we can stand straight up declaring for all due, confidently expecting the same without their aid. Now this is ideal. But why deceive ourselves? In the struggle we are lamentably helpless without the strong forces of the white people at our back. It is a childish situation, to be sure; sounds childish—sounds unworthy; but is it a fact? Great big men hate to acknowledge that they are hedged in by circumstances different to those of other men. But who are these great big men? The very few—here and there—in the total making a considerable number. But will they leave the ten million who are as yet but civilization's children—strictly speaking? The vaster number of our race have only recently been stirred to its dense center, where, like a sluggish thing—feebly gaps. Threatened with calamity dire, and general, at last, there is some anxiety here, but not enough. It is still "on with the dance." It appears that the Niagara movement has no thought of these; they would save themselves only, but they can not do it of themselves; they must linger, perish and die in common until the whole mass is brought upon a common level. As the country will not be secure half slave and half free, neither will the Negro blossom best until a general blossoming time. Here and there, now and then, we may seem to depart from the rule, we may seem to be making headway without bringing up the rear, and individuals may actually make the required headway, but in making up the verdict for the general race, those that have in every way subscribed to citizenship as it is best known will be included. The well known H. T. Kealing, the leading layman of the A. M. E. church, suggests that the condition ought to be as corn in a hopper—keep the top on so that none get away in order that they all come together. This seems a bit of tyranny, but it is the thing of the circumstance. we may safely conclude that unless conditions greatly change we will not, any of us, be estimated much higher than the great majority.

So working back to the propositions, that our arms are the same, and that whatever movement with uplifting tendency are helpful, we may as well take a broader view of the situation. We are compelled to be our brother's keeper, and as said before, for the best, since there are those that would never fly their meaner existence if they were not assisted, and by their own kind.

JUDGE NORWOOD HAS VIEWS.

Judge Thomas M. Norwood, of Georgia, has had considerable experience among the colored people, having served for twelve years on the bench; he has also been Congressman and United States Senator, consequently what he says is worthy of attention. It does not necessarily mean that what he says is right beyond question. His notions are from his viewpoint, and as they concern the race, are just so much more testimony as to how the race is viewed from the white man's side. As we view it, what he gives out as his observations of the race are nothing short of vile. This is especially so, when he said that he had reached the conclusion that the black man is incapable of receiving and using more than the rudiments of an education. Perhaps it is not necessary to go any further in what he has observed.

In the first place a judge's bench is a poor point from which to size up a people. The very nature of his business throws him among a class of people that are not found in the amen corner of the churches. Incidently, good people are dragged in the court rooms, and over their bitter protests; it is the average condition. But Judge Norwood could not have had the average court; he was in the black belt as it concerns the Negroes, and where illiteracy among the lower class of white people, for that matter, is above the average. He, however, confines his observations ot Negroes, taking it for granted, we suppose, that the white people had demonstrated sufficiently their capacity. Indeed, the judge could not have selected a more disadvantageous reflection point than the one he chose. He might as well have chosen the jail or workhouse, this without reflection on the well behaved who sometimes are found in the courts.

Extended argument or labored exegencies will not be necessary to prove that the judge's assertions are not founded in facts. Indeed, argument is not required at all. One has but to point to the thousands of Negroes they can get into. The only reason they are not in more places, in commanding places, is because they are not permitted to occupy them. And it appears more like adding insult to injury than anything else, when men who attract attention by what they say are careless in their expressions. Either such speakers are ignorant of the situation or they willfully misstate conditions. There are many things that may be said of colored people along the line of short comings, but when it comes to susceptibility for education, aptness in learning, they are even precocious; they are long on ability. Take, for instance, the simple matter of standing for clerks and letter carriers in the South; the Negroes are passing right along, and as a consequence are getting the jobs, and owing to which a reaction has set in, and an effort is being made to encourage more young white men to take the examinations. It may be that they don't care for the jobs; we leave it to the reflections?

If Judge Norwood had gone to the school houses, or if he had been of the schools, as so many of his race have been, he would have been otherwise influenced. In fact one whose opinions have weight should have sought the best authority. Many more attend the schools than the courts. Then think of the great array of professional men, coming out of Negro schools, out of white schools. The judge surely can not be serious. It also goes without saying that the Negroes are greatly handicapped in their efforts to take on education. As a rule the white student has the best of it from the cradle to the grave. He begins usually in an educated home, is surrounded by the ages of tradition and a wealth of the choicest information. All is placed before him as provender for horses; he has only to eat. Now there are exceptions; but we are dealing with the rule. It is a life's time job to find out what to do in order to become educated when the path is not marked out. The Negro knows this best.

It is very doubtful if many white people take sides with Judge Norwood, especially if they have seen much of the race. The time was, when many insisted that the Negroes did not have capacity, but at the same time they were careful to keep the books as far from them as possible.

AT THE NATION'S CAPITAL

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priated for the expenses in connection with the entertainment of traveling preachers. A good move—but the amount ought to be $500 instead of $300.

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Mr. L. A. Wiles, of Iowa, succeeds the late H. Clay Hawkins, of West Virginia, as president of the National Personal Liberty League, and Jerry Tolbert, of West Virginia, becomes sergeant-at-arms, to succeed the late Samuel G. Tinney, of the District.

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Financial Secretary E. W. Lampton refused to allow the Stringer Grand Lodge of Masons of Mississippi to endorse him for the A. M. E. Bishopric, on the ground that the churcr could be trusted to call Dr. Lampton, without interference from an outside body. Dr. Lampton stands on solid ground in such a position, and he will lose nothing by his strong sense of propriety.

R. W. THOMPSON.

SEPARATION IN COACHES

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man is opposed at the polls. The law is served in the letter, the spirit being broken by men for that purpose. In the jim crow matter, race is designated, and by way of affirmation, when the fifteenth amendment seeks to destroy the idea of race distinction in the general laws; and if it does not reach back by express direction, it does by inference in the annullment of previous made laws on the point, even should there have been doubt as to the intent. But as stated, the fourteenth amendment is clear and plain, being preceded by the thirteenth, which expressly provides for the citizenship of Negroes. Thus between the two there is no chance for the construction put on, even did not the fourteenth amendment stand up for itself. The three, then, is convincing of the intent, leaving not a shadow of doubt.

JACKSONVILLE, ILL.

Tula Allen, of Chicago, Ill., formerly of this city, died recently.

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The dance given on New Year's night by the Elks was largely attended.

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Mrs. M. Woods is quite ill at her home.

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James and B. Redding and W. M. Whit attended the funeral of Mr. Isaac Hobbs.

Mrs. Sophia Ward, who has been quite ill, is getting along nicely.

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Mr. and Mrs. Critchall have moved to Mexico, Mo.

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Otis Wallace gave a very pleasant dance December 31, at the hall.

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Mr. Gray, the barber, who has been quite ill, is some better.

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Dr. Bell and Miss Irene Starks of this city, were married recently.

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Mrs. W. M. House royally entertained a few friends January 1, at her home on Madison St.

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Miss Cliota Dealy has returned home after a visit with friends in Quincy, Ill.

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Miss Eva Triplett has returned home from Galesburg, after a pleasant visit with Miss Dimple Christburg.

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Miss Mattie Banks is slowly improving from her illness.

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W. M. Maxley, of S. Clay Ave., has returned home, after a pleasant visit with friends in Louisiana, Mo.

Mr. Samuel Mitcherson, who is working in Alton, Ill., spent a few days here with his wife.

BROOKFIELD, MO.

W. W. Johnson and F. H. Brooks gave their New Year's reception at Yarney Hall, Brookfield, Mo., January 1, 1908, and it was a swell afair. The elite were all there, numbering seventy-five. Among them were Prof. and Mrs. Kiles and Prof. Kimble, of Brookfield, Mo. The music was furnished by Mr. Geo. Walden.—Johnson & Brooks' Minstrels will start on the road about the middle of March.

A happy New Year to all.

CLARKSVILLE, TENN.

The town is very quiet and business is very dull. The Masonic Lodge No. 44, A. F. and A. M., set a pace that all other collored Lodges should follow. The lodge exempted three of their oldest members from dues: Chas. Hunter, a member 42 years; Daine Edmonson, 38 years; Thomas Broadus, 35 years. All were placed on the honorary list, with full benefits. St. John's Day was carried out to the letter. The sisters of the Eastern Stars served dinner for the brethren after the ceremonies were over and it was second to none.

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The Oddfellows Lodge gave their annual banquet on the 27th of December.

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The Young Men's Brass Band is progressing nicely. Prof. D. B. Rice is their instructor.

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The Maple Leaf Club gave a leap year social Friday night.

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The K. of P. banquet was second to none. There were a good many home comers this Christmas. Among them were Albert Collins and Pette Smith, and others from Louisville, Ky Theo. Barksdail and John Northington, of Little Rock, Ark.; Miss Willie Kersey, of Chicago; John Shellby, of Belleville, Ill.

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The Dandy Dixie Minstrels gave a fine performance on the 30th.

PIQUA, O.

The holliday festivities now have ended and everything has taken on a normal condition, and taking on more of a political air. The manifestation here by the Afro-Americans are for Foraker, and for anything he may want. The password by all the dusky sons of Ham is "Stand Pat" by the senior Senator.

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The Rev. Dr. J. F. Robinson, supply pastor of Parke Avenue Baptist Church, preached his farewell sermon New Year's evening to a large audience. The church has been revived spiritually and financially during his

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The Cyrene A. M. E. Church held a sacred concert Sunday evening, which was largely attende.

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Mrs. Emma Williams delivered an address before the Missionary Society at Weslyan Church, Dayton, O.

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The reception given by the Court of Colanthe, New Year's evening, was a grand success. Great credit is due the committee for the success.

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Henry Kennedy was called to Dayton, O., by the death of his mother. He has the sympathy of his many friends here.

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Those on the sick list are Andrew Kendall and Floyd Anderson.

LOGANSPORT, IND.

Mrs. N. Lewis was called to Terre Haute on account of the illness of her mother, who is seriously ill.

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John Allen, who has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. C. S. Jones, has returned to his home in Champaign. Ill.

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C. Anderson has returned from Terre Haute, where he has been visiting his parents.

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Prof. Anderson, of Lafayette, passed through the city en route from Kokomo, last week, where he had been visiting the Eastern Star Lodge.

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The following people were out of the city during the holidays: Mrs. John Taylor at Crawfordsville, with her mother; Mrs. Lewis Harris, with her parents at Rockville.

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The Freeman is on sale at C. S. Jones' Barber Shop, 30) Broadway.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL.

J. J. Miles, of Leland Hotel, who has been here but a few months, coming from the Plankington Hotel, St. Paul, Minn., where he rendered efficient services, for thirty years. He has brought the hotel up to a high standard in the way of rare services in a first-class hotel. He is also a progressive man, and a race man. He takes interest in all the pertains to the elevation of the colored people. As head waiter, he has strict orders and all the men under him think well of him.

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Springfield is still progressing. The colored people are buying property, as never before, and see the necessity of home buying and race patronage. In the business line we are increasing. We now have several colored restaurants, shoe repairing and shoe factory. In the professional line two physicians, two lawyers. We have a building and loan association, the president of which is Mr. John Mosby, a very progressive man, who hails from Quincy, Ill.,; A. M. Williams is secretary. The aim is to develop this association into a bank.

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All of our churches are making great progress. Rev. T. Price, pastor of St. Paul A. M. E. church, who has been here over two years, is, with the assistance of the people of that church, bringing St. Paul to the fore front.

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Rev. Manuel, pastor of the Union Baptist church, is also doing well. His congregations are large, and the church will soon be out of debt.

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Rev. Williams, pastor of Zion Baptist church, is doing well, and appears to be a progressive man of some ability.

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Rev. Bloodworth, in charge of Pleasant Grove Baptist church, appears to be doing well.

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Rev. J. A. Doswell, pastor of Trinty Lutheran church, is a very able man and his sermons are very instructive and advice timely. His church is also making much progress.

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Rev. Fulghen, pastor of Grace M. E. church, is doing much good, and is gradually bringing the church up to the standard.

IN THE FIELD OF POLITICS.

In the field of politics everything is somewhat quiet, but will soon be blooming. The legislature reassembles January 14, 1908. After which time the spring campaign will open in full.

Deneen seems to be in the lead for Governor. He has made nearly half of the counties. Yates is reticent, though a factor. Some think Sherman, the eccentric, will aim to go to the United States Senate. Rose, and his opponents, are to make a strong fight for secretary og state. There appears to be many colored people opposed to Rose, but they do not assign a plausible cause, or rather they have not made it known to the political writer of this article. In the city everything is going along in good shape. In a few months the present city officials will have served one year, and that they all be candidates for re-election in 1909 is almost certain. In the first ward a colored man will be a candidate for alderman, and also, probably, in the sixth ward. E. L. Rogers will be a candidate for supervisor or the legislature, so the writer is indirectly informed, but he has not authenticated this rumor.

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Joe Overby has written a drama.

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It was a grand and glorious success achieved by the colored Odd Fellows, January 1, at their new hall.

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C. S. Gibbs is preparing for the legal profession and when he shall have gotten before the bar, he will make the forum tremble as the Athenian of old did.

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Several "bouts" were pulled off here recently. Pig Ankle and Watts were the most attractive. Dandy Jim has opened the saloon formerly run by Thos. Steele.

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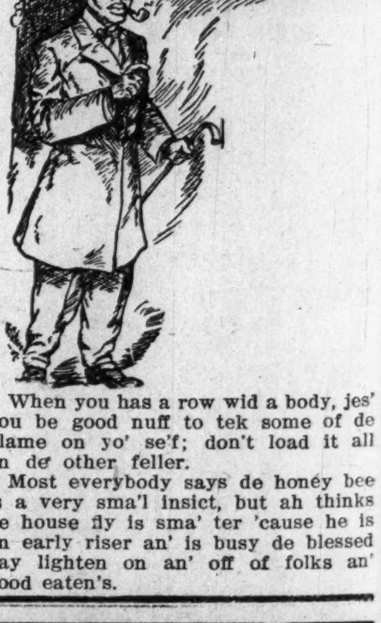
The Attucks Club is a new acquisition to our social fabric and is destined to do much good. A. Byrd is president and Benj. H. Lucas, secretary.

You can secure copies of this paper at 804 and 726 E. Washington St.

ILION, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Buckley, of Camden, N. Y., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. Jackson and faimily in East Main St.—Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Jackson entertained at dinner Sunday.—Mr. and Mrs. Giles Campbell entertained at 6 o'clock tea in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Buckley, of Camden, N. J.—Mrs. Frank Taylor is visiting friends at St. Josnsville.—Miss Clara Oliver is now organist at the A. M. E. Church.—Mrs. Sarah Closten is ill at her home in Canal St.—John Jackson, who has been ill at his home on East Main St., is slowly improving.

Don't forget that College Heights is an established fact; it is not merely on paper. The beautiful addition to Guthrie is already platted, and with an eye single to the many advantages of modern cities. Oklahoma is strictly in favor at this time, and Guthrie, the capital, is the particular center of attraction. College Heights adjoins Guthrie. As Guthrie, so is College Heights. Get in on the ground floor. You take no chances.



When you has a row wid a body, jes' you be good nuff to tek some of de blame on yo' se'f; don't load it all on de other feller.

Most everybody says de honey bee is a very sma'l insict, but ah thinks de house fly is sma' ter 'cause he is an early riser an' is busy de blessed day lighten on an' off of folks an' good eaten's.

THE SMART SET
PRESENTING
S. H. DUDLEY
IN THE
Black Politic an.
Note the following exceptionally strong cast this season:
MISS JENNIE PEARL,
as Palora
MADAM RO A LEE TYLER,
as Flossie Conn.
MRS. ALBERTA O. DUDLEY,
as Mrs. Grindle.
JAMES BURRIS,
as Walker Ties, the Theatrica Promoter.
TOM LOGAN,
as Remus Boreland, an Unscrupulous Candidate for Mayor.
IRVIN ALLEN,
also a Candidate for the Mayorality.
JOHN SMITH,
as Maj. Jackson, a War Relic.

THE STAGE
HAYWOOD

Eugene Clark and Miss Hicks have signed a contract with the Great Van Amburg Shows for the season of 1908.

John H. Wickliffe, the Louisville Trap Drummer, formerly of 4-Paw and Sells Bros. Circus, sends regards to Ed English and Leonard Gaines.

J. W. Hamilton sends his best regards to Joe Locust, Fred Barney and would like to hear from them. Address 524 N. 16th St., Omaha, Neb.

George B. Rhone and Miss MaBelle De Hearde have closed with the New Orleans Elysium Stock Company at New Orleans and will be seen in vaudeville next season.

Le Roy Bland is still working in vaudeville under the Henderson vaudeville exchange and is getting along nicely. Mr. Bland is at the Lyric Theater at Chicago Heights this week, having appeared at the same house five weeks ago.

Mr. Sam McCorker, the genial "Man in front," of Cole and Johnson's "Shoo-Fly Regiment Company, was in the city this week making final arrangements for the appearance of the well known stars at the Park Theatre, January 13, 14 and 15. Mr. McCorker was quartered at the Parker House.

Brown and Brown, singer and cartoonist, are meeting with much success. Of their recent engagement at Marion, the Marion News Tribune said: "Brown and Brown, the Indian college boys, follow, and literally took the house by storm. The applause was so vigorous that they were obliged to respond to two or three encores. They are both fine singers, and one is a clever cartoonist."

The Carolina Jubilee Singers, under the management of the Indianapolis Entertainment League, filled an engagement for the Red Men in this city Monday night. The members of the company are: W. R. Carter, S. Franzier, James R. Douglass, Thomas Metcalf, Gertrude Radden and Bertha Wilson. The eastern tour begins with an engagement at Philadelphia, with other Pennsylvania towns to follow.

A CORRECTION.

An erronious report has been circulated which I desire to correct. Making it appear as though some member of The Dandy Dixie Minstrel Company had met death at the hands of lynchers. Permit we to state that such troubles have never befallen us during our entire career. Thanking you for the above favor, I am,

Yours truly,
CHAS. H. WILLIAMS,
Stage Manager.
Evansville, Ind., Jan. 4, 1908.

RAY AND TAYLOR'S BIG CREOLE SHOW.

We wish to state to our friends and acquaintances that we have returned home from Havana, Cuba, where we played at Patatiane Park for three weeks, and are at the Casino, Hoboken in our fourth week. The roster is: William H. Ray and Chas. H. Taylor, the famous musical comedians; Ben Rastus Brown and Edith Harris, champion buck and wing dancers, singers and comedians; Our Ladies' Quartette, Misses Tutesie Delk, Daisy Brown, Grace Hoyt, Elizie Cook, singers and comediannes; Marie Walker, prima dona; Wesly Norris, eccentric comedian, and chorus of ten pretty girls.

GRIFFITH B. WILSON,
Stage Manager.

THE TOREADORS.

Chief among the funmakers of the "Toreadors," which open a three-days' engagement at the Empire Theatre on January 13, is Bobby Harris and his efforts alone are enough to carry the performance. He is ably assisted by Al Bruce, Billy Cook and Jack Kingston, three clever men, whose personality is most pleasing. They form a quartette that for originality and cleverness can't be beat.

Among the feminine members of the company, particular mention should be made of Miss Olga Orloff, a young woman possessing a pleasing flow of language, a charming personality and whose chief claim to distinction is her wonderful voice, which is a marvel of quality and range. Her renditions are superb and her work in the ensemble numbers is without a flew.

Nettie Hyde and Mildred Valmore make two dashing soubrettes, which adds life and ginger to the performance, while the sixteen other feminine members of the aggregation are as pretty and vivacious as is possible to gather together. Garden & Somers and Viv & Nettie Hyde are extra added attractions and will be introduced incidental to the action of the piece.

PEKIN NOTES.

"Out all Night" is the name of the three-act farce comedy now playing at the Pekin. It is strictly a farce comedy of a fast and furious nature, full of catchy and tuneful music.

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The Frederick Douglas Center Woman's Club gave a benefit at the Pekin Theatre, on December 27th. Quite a large and fashionable audience was in attendance. Mrs. Wm. Emanuel was chairman of the committee and much praise is due her for her untiring efforts in making the benefit a success.

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Mr. Jerry Mills, stage manager of the Pekin Theatre, has resumed his duties after a few days' indisposition.

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Mr. Marion A. Brooks, of St. Louis, author of "Panama," which held the boards at the Pekin for the past four weeks, is now connected with the Pekin forces as Mr. Green's assistant.

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Mr. Robert T. Motts, proprietor and manager of the Pekin and Mr. J. Ed Green, director of amusements, were presented with a silver headed umbrella and gold mounted cane, respectively by the Pekin Stock Company.

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It is the intention of Mr. Green to change the bills at the Pekin every two weeks. This is considered a very hard task by all acquainted with the theatrical business, but let us hope that Mr. Green will be as successful in this as he is in all of his other undertakings.

A. E. CHRISTY.

SAYS NEGRO ON THE STAGE CAN NOT BE SERIOUS.

George W. Walker Has High Houes for Race.

George W. Walker, of Williams & Walker, is a firm believer in the future greatness of the race. He is loath to express his views on the subject whenever time and opportunity permits. Not long ago when asked by a prominent dramatic critic to give his views concerning his race he expounded a few of his ideas with his usual intelligence in this wise:

"Talk to me about the infusion of white blood for the betterment of the Negro race," he said indignantly. "I do not believe in it. I tell you, the black man's future lies in the development of his faculties—physical and mental—as a Negro. I think the white race have not realized the latent possibilities in us.

"Our civilization is little beyond its infancy when you come to think of it. Why, a few hundred of years ago we were savages. Given time and advantages, which have brought the white people to their present stage, we shall be a wonderful people. If you don't believe me, wait and see.

"I'd just like to have you take in a few further facts while we are on the subject," he went on. "There can not be any dispute as to our musical ability. This, too, is undeveloped. Ragtime is just of the chaos out of which real genius will some day be evolved. We shall have great Negro masters of music in the generation to come. We shall have great poets, too, for our race is a poetical one. But all these things will take time. Our poets must stick to Negro dialect to make themselves heard, or to sell their wares, and our composers must write ragtime for the same reason, until the white man's serious consideration has been learned. That, after all, is the desideratum—to get the serious acceptance of our efforts. Why, I was talking a few days ago to a young Negro playwright who is anxious to do a streight comedy drama for Williams and myself. He had a good, and I think quite original idea, but there were a number of love scenes in the piece—that wouldn't do, of course. Why not? Well, can you fancy a love scene between two colored people that would not bring a laugh? No, sir! The colored man's love affairs are like his ragtime music and his dialect poems. No matter how carefully written, they must not be otherwise than amusing. Mind, I am not saying that generally we have not earned the right for serious consideration and I know that we must wait for it and work for it."

At this juncture, Bert Williams' long figure came into view. He nodded at the critic as he said, smilingly:

"George is at it again, I see," he observed, with a twinkle in his eye, and then relapsing into his stage dialect, he sang out in a deep bass: "Go'ge, I allus did say one thing."

"What's that?" inquired his partner, looking up.

"I allus did say dat ef we evah goes broke in this business, yo' can make a fortune for both of us as preacher."

CHARLES D. MARSHALL.

COLE & JOHNSON

The attraction at the Park, for three days, commencing January 13, will be those well known and eminent entertainers, Cole and Johnson, who this season bring with them a company of players each one of whom seem to be inspired with a desire to emulate the success of William Aldrich, the greatest histronian of their race and one of the grandest and most noble players that ever graced the European stage. Aldrich was a slave, the personal servant of a former American minister to the court of Vienna, had traveled with his master throughout the continent, had self educated himself and in his intercourse with the diplomats of Europe, as the ambassador's special messenger, had acquired a courtliness of manner, a gentleness of speech and a personal bearing which made him a prominent figure wherever the representatives of the various governments were assembled. After the term of office of his master expired, Aldrich elected to remain in Europe, secured a position at the Hof-Teater at Vienna and it was not long ere he was considered to be one of the greatest exponents of Schillers famed tragidies and other plays, and as the German (which language spoke like a master) always leaned toward the Shakespearian, he, too, acquired the taste of his new environments, and made it an especial study to produce the tragedies of the great bard in all the fullsomness of detail for which the Teuton is noted. His Shylock, his Hamlet, his Petruico, each gained fame for him, but the climax of his career was reached when he assayed that role of Othello. This characterization, not only cemented the friendship that the present emperor of Austria had for him, but made him the personal friend of all the then rulers of Europe with whom he was on terms of intimacy that was not accorded even the most favored subjects. He ranked, Alexander the Second of Russia, Abdul Hamid of Turkey, Victor Emanuel of Italy, Alfonso the Twelfth of Spain, The Kaiser of Reunited Germany and Napoleon the Third, among his intimates and associates and was by them commanded time and again to give his masterly portrayals for the edification of their several courts. With such a man as Aldrich in their minds-eye as a preceptor, the several members of the Cole & Johnson Company have determined to devote themselves to the furtherance of their art and to make of it the acme of colored folk-lore and the perfection of Negro song. Rosamond Johnson, who is himself a musician of high attainments has laid before himself the task of perpetuating the melodies of the old plantation in high class form, so that they should not be lost to posterity through the interpolation of later day rag time exponents. Robert A. Cole, Johnson's partner, has made an especial study of the saying and the humor and the pathos of the old-time Negro mammy and the old-time plantation sojourner and has from the few of these old people that are still alive, gathered a fund of knowledge and of stories and of songs that he in conjunction with Johnson, are using in their programs and will later on give to the world in their new production now in preparation. These two young men have surrounded themselves with an organization of educated players of their race who are actuated by the same high desire to help keep alive the memories and the sayings and the doings of those good old souls that every true southerner loves and who have endeared themselves for their loyalty and devotion and enjoyed the respect of the entire southland.

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SPORTING GOSSIP of the WEEK.

TIME OF LEAGUE MEETING DRAWS NEAR

President As Yet Undecided On Date

Although the date has not been set so far for hte proposed meeting of the National Colored Baseball League, indications point to an early date. Several suggestions have been made to the president, but as yet no real official date has been given out. It is thought that the 16th or 23d of next month may be decided upon by President Leland, unless something new in his plans develop. However, it is safe to say that the date of the meeting is not far distant, and every one is urged to begin preparations for attending at once.

All Managers to Attend

The president urges every manager to attend the meeting to soon be called by him on the account of causing a drawback to the meeting in your not being present. Little, if anything, can be accomplished if every individual who is asked to attend does not put in his appearance. It should not be expected of two or three to do the work of all. You should come and help out.

Success Is Hoped

This meeting is to tell whether it will be possible or not to organize a league among Negro ball fans. This meeting will be the one to place the league on a solid footing so that she will be able to start out with the coming if it is to be a little late. So if you want to be put down as a member you must attend or give us evidential support. Just now it will be of little use for anyone to ask about the league, when it should be known that no plans have been set other than there is to be a league and a meeting to organize it at a date not yet set.

Date Will Be Given

In all probability the date will be announced in next week's issue of The Freeman. Every one is asked to not forget to give the next meeting their special attention.

Captain Simington Heard From

BOSTON, Mass.—Special.—I see thaty ou are about to start a colored baseball league. I would thank you very much if you would write and let me know all about it. We are all willing to do what we can for the league. I remain your, hoping that you will answer.

CAPT. F. SEMINGTON,
Vendome Hotel, Boston, Mass.

J. H. Settles Heard From

Mr. J. H. Settles, well known in Elk circles, of Columbus, O., has written in for a franchise in the National Baseball League. Columbus will have a strong team, so it is stated.

GIANTS FEARED BY ALL

The following concerning the forming of a league is taken from the Havana Post:

Makeup of Clubs

The names of the players to compare the different clubs were handed in and will doubtless be approved by the directors.

There will be American colored players in every club but the Almendares. The latter club will stick by their team of last season and will not stand for any American players. They will be known as the Cuban Club and will fight harder to beat the Fe Club, which will be composed of nearly all American colored players than any other team in the league.

Havanas

The Havanas will be Perez and another pitcher yet to be signed. Garcia, Castillo, "Home Run" Johnson, Padron, Bustamante, V. Gonzalez, Winston and probably P. Hill, but the latter has not yet been signed and there will be quite a scramble between the Fes and Havana to nail this fast outfielder. The highest bidder no doubt will land him.

There does not seem to be a weak place in the Havanas' lineup unless it is the pitcher's box, and that all depends upon who the other pitcher to be signed turns out to be. It might be "Rube" Foster. Who knows? They look very strong.

Fes.

The Fes, as they are known in the league, will be practically the same team that is now playing under the name of the Philadelphia Giants. Williams, Davis, Gatewood, Petway, Wallace, Lloyd, Bowman, Payne, Earl, Harris, Moore and perhaps P. Hill.

Every one in Havana knows what this bunch of players can do when they get together and play ball. They are fast in every department of the game, and especially in the box, where they have a wonder in big Davis, who shouldw in three out of every four games he pitches. Gatewood has not pitched good ball here this season, but he is a good man when in condition. The rest of the team is strong, provided Moore and Harris, who have never played in Cuba, make good.

Ed Lamar will likely manage the Fes and will be assisted by Alberto Azoy, but the real leader of the Fes will be found in a little man that knows more baseball than any manager in Cuba and is generally found around the entrance or near the electric light pole just inside the gate at Almendares Park at every game. It is not necessary to mention his name, He will be found taking an active part in all the championship games when the Fes are in the battle. How can you beat the Fes with twelve good players and three managers? You have heard the old story that "too many cooks spoil the broth," etc. Keep your eye out to see that this is no exception to the rule. They look very strong, but they will not win the championship.

ROBERTSON HAS A RECORD

NEW ORLEANS, La.—Special.—G. D. Robertson, who done such excellent work for the Streight University and secured the penant last year for the Dewey Baseball Club in the Crescent City Social Club League, wishes to become a member of one of the clubs of the National League. He has references from Brook's New Orleans, Dewey Y. M. C. A.'s and Streight University ball teams. Address all particulars to Joseph Loomis Jr., 527 South Rosman street, New Orleans, La.

JACK JOHNSON TO HEAD BURNS OFF

Jack Johnson, the big colored heavyweight, was in New York a few days ago and says that it is his intention to buy a small yacht and sail out of the bay to meet Tommy Burns when he starts for home.

"I won't give him a chance to turn around again," piped the pugilist. "Too bad that O'Brien took those run-out powders, wasn't it? I see that he has gone away to West Virginia. Well, I'll be off to East Virginia this evening. I certainly am anxious to meet that man.

"Who, Flynn? Oh, he was made to order for me. Yes, I know Burns took a few rounds longer to beat him, but I'll lick Burns in the same time that it took to trim Flynn. All I want is the chance. That's all, just the chance."

James E. Britt, the Columbus of the "ulna bone," was a horrible frost in Honolulu, where he went for a rest with the California ball players. James gave a show the other night there at one of the playhouses, during which he told stories and gave boxing exhibitions. After the expenses were taken out the house amounted to $1.69.

BLACKBURN MAY MEET KETCHELL.

May Be Given Chance As a Reward for Beating Morgan.

As a reward for beating Jack Morgan in a six-round contest before Bob Deady's Club at Philadelphia recently, Jack Blackburn may be matched before a Denver club with Stanley Ketchell, who proved a few weeks ago even to the satisfaction of Joe himself, that he is Thomas' master. Ketchell is about the exact weight of Blackburn and the same sort of slap-bang, determined scrapper as the Hoosier laid.

It may be stated that Blackburn is a shade the better man in cleverness, experience, height and reach. Many think that it would not take more than ten rounds, if that, to offset Ketchell's advantages in punching ability.

SHIPS STEER CLEAR OF PORT JOHNSON

Heavyweight Squadron Don't Care to Linger About Port Johnson

WASHINGTON, D. C., War Department Special.—The great heavyweight fleet of side-steppers is going around the horn. Right around, the battleship Burns, gunboat O'Brien, cruiser Moir, torpedo boat Kaufman and battleship Squires. No stops, strange to say.

One or two of the big boats stopped at Port Johnson for coal, but it is such a dangerous harbor that they were sunk and never heard of again. The cruiser Fitzsimmons and battleship Flynn both went under.

The new fleet will not stop there, but will go right around it.

BLACKBURNG ETTING THE HONORS

Jack Blackburn has gotten all the honor out of pugilism that he can possibly get, except to win a few more fights and the welterweight championship. In Philadelphia there is no fighter who styles himself "Young Jack Blackburn." Surely, that's enough honor for one man.

It might be said in passing that Jack Morgan is after another go with the Negro, claiming that Blackburn's victory was a fluke. Morgan thinks, with another chance, he can make a better showing.

ATTELL AND MORAN TO MEET AGAIN

Abe Attell and Owen Moran will be matched for another meeting at an early date. This is necessitated by their work Tuesday, Jan. 1, when they battled twenty-five rounds to a draw in San Francisco. It was not one of the fastest bouts ever seen here, but the little fellows gave a splendid illustrated lecture on the art of self-defense.

Fight fans today are wondering how it was that Moran managed to steal Attell's thunder and got away with it. The English boy quietly copied the double punch and handed it to Attell viciously in several of the rounds. He also followed out the American style of blocking and preventing Attell from landing his favorite punch.

As a rule Moran led in the attack, starting things by rushing down and letting go for Attell's ribs. From the seventh round Jeffries found it necessary to walk between the fighters over and over again. But there were spells when the two stood like statues, each refusing to be the one to open the battle.

It is the general opinion that the verdict was just, and that the two men must meet again to settle their superiority.

O'BRIEN CUTS INTO THE MANAGING GAME

Philadelphia, Pa.—Jack O'Brien has broken into the managerial game. A new clubhouse, costing $20,000, and having a seating capacity of 2,300, is to be opened Jan. 24, under the name of the Ontario A. C. O'Brien will also act as referee and match-maker.

SPORT GOSSIP AND COMMENT

By Charles Marshall

Jimmy Gardner has received offers from Philadelphia to box Jack Blackburn and Terry Martin next month. He will accept the bout with Martin if the latter is not too heavy.

Joe Kelly, the veteran sporting editor of the Indianapolis Sun, can relate some of the most interesting stories concerning Negro jockies, pugilists and ball players that any one would care to hear. Joe knows the sport world from A to Z and is happy when telling some funny incident concerning some well-known star of the sport world. It has been my pleasure to be present in his office time after time when he was in the mood of telling those "little stories of his."

There are few newspaper writers that have had the pleasure of enjoying strict acquaintance among Negro athletes as has Mr. Kelly during his long career. He can talk about Gans, the boxer, Rube Foster, the ball player, "Major" Taylor, the cyclist, and John B. Taylor, the runner, with as much authority and truth as he can tell you of the different members of his family. He never refers to any book when you ask him about any special event that ever happened in the sporting line, for he has found room in that "great forecastle" that he has for all that has happened.

The Royal Athletic Club of 309 Indiana avenue, has become the great center for the sporting fraternity of the West. Ever since the doors were thrown open good attendance have greeted the manager, Mr. Virgil Sheppard, every day and night. Some of the most exciting pool games to be seen are being played regularly on those six bran new tables recently secured. These tables are the talk of the town, being the finest in the city. Mr. Sheppard invites strangers visiting the city to call at the club and spend an enjoyable time with him. He will do all he can to make it pleasant for you at all times.

SMART SET A. C. WINS

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NEW YORK. — Special. — Christmas week presented to basket ball enthusiasts another interesting game between the Smart Set A. C. and Marathon A. C., of Brooklyn, at Knickerbocker Basketball Court Dec. 27th, and the Smart Set A. C. presented the Marathons with another defeat, the score being 28 to 4.

Because of the entering of three substitutes by the Smart Set it was expected that the Marathons would rally their forces and make a bold fight to win, but the attempt was a futile one. The Smart Set team, who thus far have been undefeated in their championship series, made rapid strides early in the first half by the accurate and skilful goal shooting of their center, Chester Moore, who was ably supported by the forwards and guards. Although playing hard and earnestly the Marathons were unable to score at all in the second half. The acrobatic maneuvres of Kingsland, who stood on his head, and Lattimore, who made a triple somerset, were additional features of the game.

The line-up: C. Scottron, C. Moore, R. G. Lattimore, R. Bernard, J. Trice, A. Groves, H. Brown, of the Smart Set; and C. Chadwick, E. Smith, F. Accooe, H. Ewell, F. Brown, J. Kingsland, of the Marathon.

The game to be held at the parish house of the Church of Holy Incarnation, 240 East 31st Street, Jan. 6, between the Smart Set and St. Christophers, will undoubtedly create much interest.

JOE THOMAS MATCHED WITH JACK SULLIVAN

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal.—Special.—Uncle Tom McCarey has secured a match between Joe Thomas and Jack (Twin) Sullivan. Although the date for the bout has not been given, it is understood that it will happen within two or three weeks.

LEWIS TO MEET SAILOR BURKE

Willie Lewis, who has been fighting in great form of late, and Sailor Burke will likely clash in New York within the next few weeks.

For several months there has been great rivalry between Lewis and Burke, but every time a match was spoken of something happened to interrupt the proceedings. Now that Lewis is again in tiptop condition he declares his willingness to meet the sailor, and a match between them seems inevitable.

Burke has repeatedly declared he is Lewis' master at the boxing game, but Willie has replied it will take more than Burke's word to convince him that the sailor knows whereof he speaks. Several of the local clubs are hot after the match.

CLEVELAND GOOD AND READY

New Park Being Put Into Shape

CLEVELAND, O.—Special.—Manager Ford of the Cleveland Giants is working hard to get everything in readiness for a successful season of baseball. A new park will be put up and every convenience made for the great game. All the Giants are waiting on is the league franchise and the season.

DENVER ED MARTIN TO REzTURN TO RING

Denver Ed Martin, the old-time famous Negro heavyweight, is going to return to the fighting game. It is said that he is in splendid form and might do a world of good should he return.

PHILADELPHIA GIANTS CLEAN UP IN CUBA

(Special Correspondence)

HAVANA, Cuba.— Special. — An American Negro ball team, known as the Philadelphia Giants, has done nothing but simply wipe up with every team in Cuba ever since they arrived. Almost every game means a victory for them, according to the Havana Post.

LANFORD TO MEET WINNER OF BARRY-FLYNN FIGHT

After considerable trouble Joe Woodman, manager of Sam Langford, the colored light- middleweight, has finally got on a match for his man. He has signed articles of agreement for Langford to meet the winner of the Jim Barry-Jim Flynn fight, which comes off at the Pacific A. C. of Los Angeles, Cal., on Jan. 17. Langford says he would sooner meet Flynn than Barry, as the latter is a dangerous man and can punch much harder.

BILL SQUIRES TO VISIT THE EAST

Australian Lemon Has Left California With Only Three Defeats to His Credit; Will Probably Continue On to England.

SAN FRANCISCO.—Special.—Bill Squires is on his way east. The Australian pugilist, who came here hoping to win the world's championship, has left California after engaging in three fights. The records show as so many defeats. He will probably continue on to England.

"I do not intend to look for fights in the East," he said. "I am simply going on a sight-seeing trip. I have no excuses to offer for my showing in the ring here. In all of the fights I took part in, I was beaten fairly and all I can say for myself is that I cannot fight as I used to in Australia."

Squires left on the Overland last evening, accompanied by his friend and trainer, Jimmy Russell, who came here from Australia to train him.

GOSSIP OF THE BOXERS

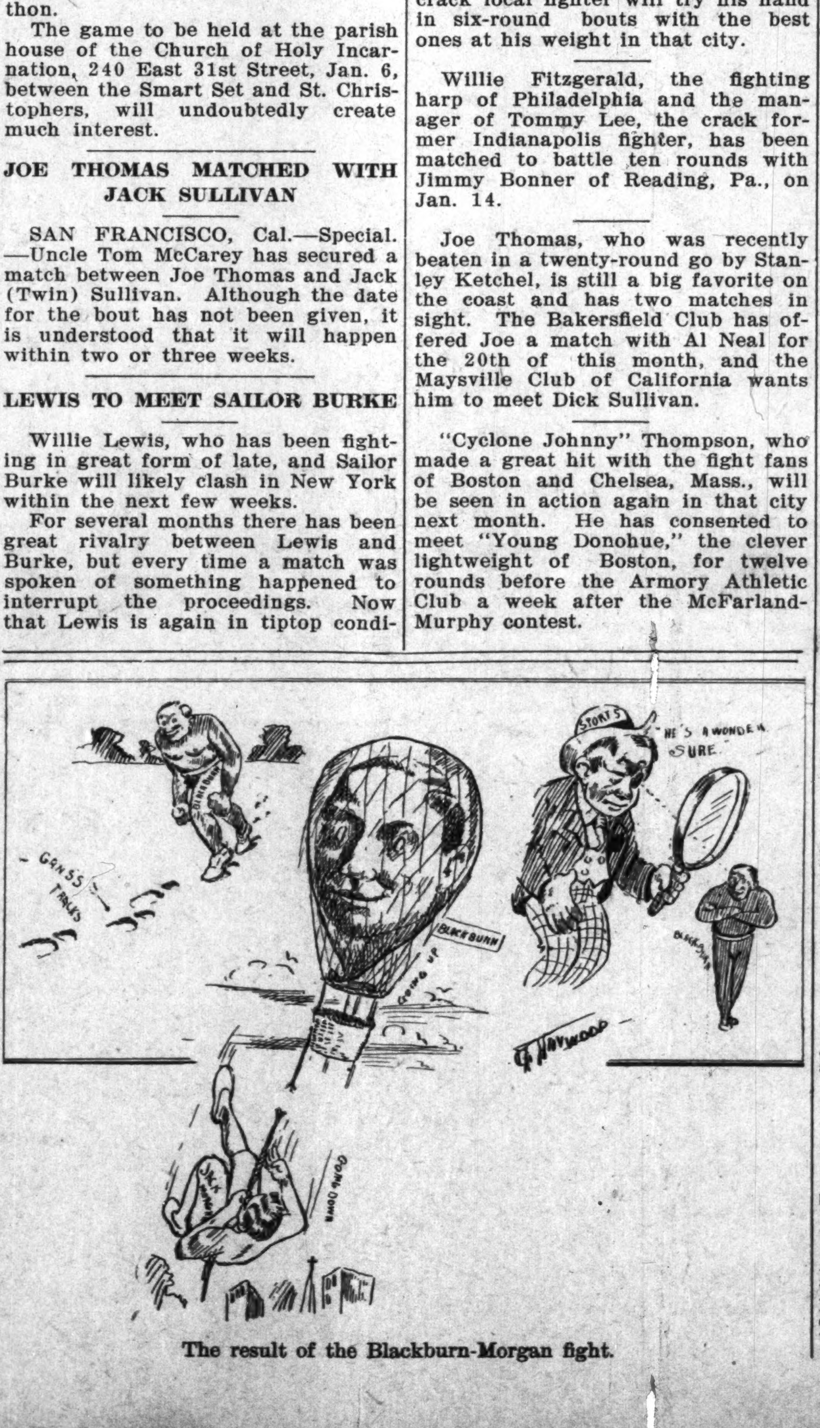
Matty Baldwin of Boston secured a twelve-round decision over Johnny Summers recently before the Armory Athletic Club of that city.

Freddie Cole and his manager, Kane, will leave for Philadelphia the latter part of this month, where the crack local fighter will try his hand in six-round bouts with the best ones at his weight in that city.

Willie Fitzgerald, the fighting harp of Philadelphia and the manager of Tommy Lee, the crack former Indianapolis fighter, has been matched to battle ten rounds with Jimmy Bonner of Reading, Pa., on Jan. 14.

Joe Thomas, who was recently beaten in a twenty-round go by Stanley Ketchel, is still a big favorite on the coast and has two matches in sight. The Bakersfield Club has offered Joe a match with Al Neal for the 20th of this month, and the Maysville Club of California wants him to meet Dick Sullivan.

"Cyclone Johnny" Thompson, who made a great hit with the fight fans of Boston and Chelsea, Mass., will be seen in action again in that city next month. He has consented to meet "Young Donohue," the clever lightweight of Boston, for twelve rounds before the Armory Athletic Club a week after the McFarland-Murphy contest.



The result of the Blackburn-Morgan fight.

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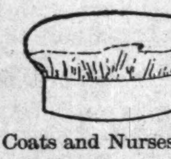

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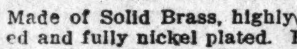

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SHORT FLIGHTS.

BY R. W. THOMPSON.

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THE NEGRO EDITOR.

As long as this race of ours shall live,
With strident voice he will be singing
To his people hope, that will give
New life to each and all who may thirst,
Or who would be men among the first.

Unappreciated, long have they fought,
And valiantly for a cause that's dear
To their long despised race, far and near,
And wonders have these heroes wrought
With mighty pens, now tipped with love;
Now invoking wrath of Him above:

Long after Right shall have obtained,
Aye, after his pen shall have gone to rest,
And mortal body mixed with the dust,
May our memories live unstained
The name o fhim who in peace or war
Stood steadfast—the Negro editor.

—Ralph W. Tyler in the Cleveland Journal.

Let us have race pride.

Senator Davis, the fire-eater from Arkansas, probably did the best he could.

Mrs. M. Lonesome is third vice-president of the Ohio Federation of Colored Women's Clubs.

If you want to start a man on the downward grade, just get him to explaining. The Boston supporters of Fitzgerald will please take notice.

The Florida William J. Bryan, now Senator by appointment of Governor Broward, may have better luck than the Nebraskan of the same name.

Rev. J. G. Robinson, of Georgia, Kentucky and Ohio, is out of the race for editor of the Christian Recorder, for reasons best known to himself.

The Washington Star hints that the "sinews of war" will be forthcoming when the battle of 1908 gets warm. This will be good news to "the boys."

Business methods are as sorely needed on the farm as in the counting room, if profits are to be secured, commensurate with the value of the investment.

In establishing a legitimate business at Baltimore while in the heyday of his fame, Joe Gans sets an admirable example to sporting men who want to "stay put."

The selection of Chicago as the convention city of the Republicans was a wise one. Friends of Taft, Tughes, Fairbanks, Cannon and the rest, voted for the "windy city."

With such stalwarts as Albert J. Beveridge and James A. Hemenway in the United States Senate, Indiana's interests are being well cared for at the north end of the Capitol.

When matters of interest to our people that deserve a column are cut down to "two sticks" by the white dailies, it only serves to emphasize the fact that we ought to have more and better papers of our own.

"Indignation meetings" often serve a good purpose, but a tangible exhibit of Negro progress in some exposed place where all may see and be impressed by it, would do the Negro race more lasting good.

The onward march of culture gives the colored brother as many superflous letters in family names as it does to our Caucasian neighbors. Curtiss, Cartter, Willson, Wattson and Francklyn have appeared "in our midst."

Dr. S. E. Courtney's superb management of the campaign which resulted in the election of Postmaster Hibbard to the mayoralty leaves no dispute as to who is the real leader of the colored forces of the city of Boston.

The Christmas number of "Sylvester Russell's Review" is very creditable, both as to appearance and literary matter. It bears the hall-mark of business success and speaks well for the managerial capacity of its publisher.

The Maryland Democrats think the smart, educated Negro more dangerous to their schemes than the thrifty, ignorant one, and they want to proceed with their disfranchisement on the property basis, rather than let "book l'arning" be the test for the suffrage.

Industrial schools for the training of Negroes are not being confined to the South. Throughout the North the need of technical education is being preached effectively, and schools where trades can be taught are being established in this section with gratifying rapidity.

Let it still be impressed that there isn't an ounce of prejudice in an acre of land, and that the hen will lay just as frequently, the cow will give as much milk, and hogs will fatten just as rapidly for the black man as for the white one. Back to the farm!

Christmas came on Wednesday this year—the most inconvenient day of all for the Negro newspaper men. The middle of the week is too early to close out on "copy" and publish, and too late to begin the work. As a result of the disinclination of their hands to labor at Christmastide, quite a number of our journals threw up the sponge and decided to suspend operations until after New Year's. In the meantime the white dailies and weeklies of any moment went on as usual.

It will relieve the mind of the erudite editor of the New York National Review to learn that Prof. W. E. B. DuBois has recovered from the effects of that Boston dinner of beans and has come out of hiding. A Cleveland paper announces his appearance in that city this week.

The New York colored man who married fourteen wives, all white, proved himself to be a man of undoubted courage and industry, but he showed poor taste, if it is true that he had an aversion to the women of his own race. We have the best women on earth, and none come prettier, nor in tints adapted to more diverse fancies.

The New York Republican program "looks good." The alleged "slate reads: For President, William H. Taft; for Vice-President, Charles E. Hughes (if he will take it); for Senator (to succeed T. C. Platt), Theodore Roosevelt; for Senator (to succeed Chauncey M. Depew), Timothy L. Woodruff; for Governor, Jas. W. Wadsworth, Jr.

"Lewey and Lee" is said to be the latest Florida combination. It is sonorous, alliterative, combative and otherwise suggestive. It ought to be a rallying cry that will wake the echoes from Key West to the red hills that skirt the Alabama border and the delta marshes of the Mighty Mississippi. What is the matter with "Lewey and Lee?"

Says the Bluff City News, of Memphis, Tenn.: "If President Roosevelt is able to satisfy the Negro soldiers, he should have another Nobel prize." If the worthy Tennessee brother will just keep his eyes open and his mouth shut he will learn something soon that will make him think the President ought to have a sack full of Nobel prizes.

With Joe Gans, champion lightweight pugilist, to our credit, John Phillips, the best runner, George Dixon, the some time premier featherweight, William Clarence Matthews, the great ball player and Harvard coach, and Jack Johnson, who is crowding into the heavyweigt leadership, the Negro is doing pretty well in the athletic world.

Arthur L. Macbeth, director of the Agricultural and the Manufactures and Liberal Arts divisions of the Negro Department of the Jamestown Exposition, bears a striking resemblance to President Roosevelt. He is a South Carolinian, and is said to be a descendant of the Georgia Bullochs, who cast their lot in the Palmetto State nearly a century ago.

Booker T. Washington's acceptance of that trusteeship at Howard University has accomplished two things at least: It has drawn the fangs of those who argued that he was an enemy to the higher education of the Negro, and has awakened the ultra-industrialists to a keener realization of the importance of the thought element in the training of the hand.

The Wilberforce correspondent of the Cleveland Journal made a bitter assaut on good form last week in referring to two very worthy ladies as "Mrs. Bishop" Arnett and "Mrs. Lieut." Davis. Careful writers have quit that sort of thing in this enlightened age. Editor Brascher evidently didn't have his blue pencil sharpened when he let that bit of "copy" pass his eagle eye.

The Star, which shines resplendently at progressive Newport News, Va., has entered upon the sixth year of its existence under favorable auspices. Col. M. N. Lewis is one of the race's most thoughtful editors and a leader of sagacity and courage. He is a power for good in Tidewater, Va., and deserves the hearty support that his people are giving him—and more.

Negroes are "getting more like white folks every day." Following the example of their white neighbors in the lumber camps near Monroe, La., they have been running out the competing Italian laborers, and it is reported that three of the Dagoes have been killed as a consequence of the bitter race prejudice. The story of the sowing of the dragon's teeth is being repeated with a vengeance. The situation this week has a decided "Taftish" hue.

The esteemed Cleveland Journal looms large on the journalistic horizon nowadays. Its news features show an expansion and freshness that is highly commendable, and its editorial tone is in line with cleanliness, optimism and substantal progress. Its influence in every respect is wholesome and encouraging. The Journal's Christmas issue was exceptionally fine. The poems by Mrs. Carrie W. Clifford, C. O. Abbott, Mrs. Susie I. Shorter and Ralph W. Tyler, and the special letter from Booker T. Washington on "Why I Am Thankful," were well worthy of the prominence given them.

IOWA ELKS GIVE BANQUET

The Pride of the West Lodge No. 103 of Buxton, Iowa, gave a most elaborate banquet on Tuesday evening, December 26, 1907, at Cooper's Hall, that was ever given in the State of Iowa. The affair was well conducted and every plan made was carried out to the letter. The invitations issued by this lodge were superb in every particular, showing much taste in selection as well as workmanship.

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Joseph L. Simmons, of Martinsville, was in the city Thursday on business,

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The Negro's Defense" will be the subject of the address at the "Monster Meeting" tomorrow at Bethel chuch. Rev. C. W, McColl is the speaker.

Shelby C. Farrow, of Madison who has been ill for several weeks, will return to the city next week to resume his studies at the Techical Institute.

Revival services are still in progress at Allen Chapel. Mrs. Amanda B. Thompson, the evangelist will preach tomorrow at 10;45 a. m. and 8 p. m.

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William M. Farrow, of Dayton, O., well-known in the Y. M. C. A. of this city is seriously ill at the home of his relatives Mr. and Mrs. William R. Hill at Chicago. His mother passed through the city last Monday to be with him.

Dr. H. L. Hummons will be the principal speaker at Flanner Guild tomorrow afternoon. Mrs. Sadie Dungey will give a recitation and Miss Grace Burbara a solo. Last Sunday Rev. McIntosh, pastor of Free Will Baptist church made an able address.

Mrs. Grace Allen, of Burlington, Ia., is in the city the guest of her aunt, Mrs. William Lukett, 232 Pine street. Mrs. Allen is financial agent of the Ambidexter Institute, an industrial institution of Springfield, Ill. While in the city she speaks in the interest of the school at the different churches. She will speak at Allen Chapel Jan. 12.

Rev. H. D. Proud, D. D., who has spent nearly three years in South America, will conduct two farewell meetings in this city before returning to his post of duty. Tuesday night, Jan. 14, he will speak at Second Baptist church, Wednesday evening at New Bethel Baptist church. Rev. L. G. Jordan, of Louisville will assist him.

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TWENTY YOUNG LADIES' LEAP YEAR DANCE.

One of the most charming of the New Year's festivities was the Leap Year dance of the Twenty Young Ladies' Club on Tuesday evening at Odd Fellows Hall, Jan. 7. The young ladies had effectively decorated the hall in a profusion of Japanese lanterns and umbrellas, while potted plants and greens were used with pleasing effect. One very delightful dance marked was the Moonlight Waltz, the lights were lowered and the hall dimly lighted by the Japanese lanterns. The young men were particularly happy at this event, as they were the recipients of the invitations to dance. The dance proved successful beyond the expectation of the president, Miss Virgil Bell, and her charming club and they have decided to organize permanently, with the expectation of another, but more elaborate, dance for the Easter season.

Russell Smith's Orchestra furnished the music, while Maurice White looked after the floor.

A Rising Pythian.

Mr. John Gibbs, of Terre Haute, Ind, is well known in K of P circles in Indiana and is recognizhd as one of the strongest men in the order. He is a very active and earnest worker, and has rendered invaluable service to his lodge for years, in fact ever since he has been a member. He can always be depended upon to do his duty or perform any task that is put upon him. He has won the confidence and respect of all who know him, both white and colored. The Grand lodge of Indiana has honored him with a state office ever since the beginning of his membership in the same, and has thus shown its recognition of his sterling qualities. Among the Knights over the state there is much talk of honoring him with P. G. C. at the next session of the Grand lodge.

GEORGE DIXON DEAD.

Victim of Fight with Drink—Greatest Boxer of His Time Dies in Alcoholic Ward of Bellevue Hospital.

New York, Jan. 6.—The greatest fighter of his time and the winner of several hundred fistic encounters, George Dixon, the pugilist, familiarly called "Little Chocolate," died to-day in the alcoholic ward of Bellevue Hospital, a victim of a long fight with drink. Idolized in his prime by thousands as a pugilistic hero, George Dixon passed away practically penniless and without friends. Dixon was 37 years old and for many years held the title offeatherweight champion.

Georg e Dixon fought several hundred ring battles, his first fight being in 1886, when he whipped a boy named Johnson in Halifax, N. S. From that time until Terry McGovern knocked him out in 1900 and broke his heart no man of his weight ever whipped him. He won the featherweight title in 1891 by whipping the champion, Cal McCarthy.

Dixon was a perfect fighting machine, so far as attack and defense were concerned, and his peculiar ability to strike a blow from any position made him a formidable opponent. Dixon won thousands of dollars in the prize ring, which he spent with convivial companions.

A wasted, wan figure was brought to Bellevue Hospital two days ago and ticketed in the alcoholic ward as George Dixon. To the doctor he said that he had "fought his last fight with John Barleycorn and had been beaten."

He told the physician that he had no friends, except John L. Sullivan. His condition grew rapidly worse, and late to-day the former champion died.

The body of Dixon was removed tonight to the Long Acre Athletic Club, where it was placed on the site of the ring where the usual weekly boxing bouts are held. All through the night scores of people passed before the coffin to view the body of the once great fighter. Many of Dixon's admirers brought flowers and placed them on the casket.

LAKE CHARLES, LA.

You will note that Lake Charles is a city of about 17,000 inhabitants, of which are to be found some of the best and most industrious class of the race. Here are to be found, besides the earnest workers of church and school, men and women engaged in all the various enterprises of the times. Lake Charles is 218 miles west of New Orleans and thirty miles east of the Texas state line.

Under the present crisis here, with labor partly hampered, we have more to be thankful for than to complain. To the spendthrifts it is a lesson. Lots fail to get what they wanted, but will be pleased now to get what they need.

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Regardless of the times, the wedding bell still chimes, and some one is always happy. The latest marriage or the season was that of Mr. Spurgeon Ellis and Miss Cristella Rayon, of the Evergreen Baptist Church, whose marriage is one of interest. To know that though scarcely twenty years has bought and built a very neat home on one of the popular streets of the city. We indeed congratulate them, and recommend his pattern to other prospectives.

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The out of town teachers have returned to their work, after spending the holidays at home with friends, etc. Among them were Miss Lillie Pecot, Miss Edna Taylor, Mr. J. H. Yates, Mr. Jessie McDonald, and Miss Hannah Carey.

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The Woman's Twentieth Century Club met at the home of Mrs. D. J. Thomas, Galigher St., Jan. 1, to exchange New Year's greetings, and to arrange for their annual reception to be given at the home of Mrs. Sam Florey's, Jan. 22. This being their fifth anniversary. Much pains will be taken to make it one of purely social and intellectual enjoyment.

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Rev. D. C. Bowman, pastor of the Sunlight Baptist Church, is still quite ill.

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The business enterprises here still move on quite well under prevailing circumstances.

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Chicago, Jan. 7.—The result of a recount of votes cast a year ago last November for Thomas Lantry and Ferdinand L. Barnett, colored, candidates for the Municipal Court bench, announced late this afternoon, showed a gain of 267 votes for Judge Lantry. Barnett's loss was 243 votes. The recount was made on a petition by Barstay here.
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